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Applicant: Carl W. Fuller, et al.

Title: DERIVATIVES OF 7-DEAZA -2' -  
DEOXYGUANOSINE- 5' -  
TRIPHOSPHATE,  
PREPARATION AND USE  
THEREOF

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated 10/8/02, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Specification are provided by the replacement Abstract provided on page 3 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

**Replacement Abstract**

Kindly replace the prior Abstract with the following:

Derivatives of 7-deaza-2'-deoxyguanosine are described. Also described is the use of such compounds in synthesis of nucleic acid polymers and in methods for determining a nucleotide base sequence.